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**PATENT**

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Applicant(s) : Broemmelsiek et al.  
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**RESPONSE**

**SIR:**

In response to the Final Office Action mailed on November 9, 2005, with the three-month shortened statutory period for response set to expire on February 9, 2006, please reconsider the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and/or remarks.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.

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